



County of Hamilton

DONALD C. SCHRAMM, P.E.-P.S. COUNTY ENGINEER

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CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

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13th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Amended Minutes

June 2, 1989 - 8:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners' Staff Meeting Room

Room 603, County Administration Building

Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schramm at 8:10 a.m. All members were present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Hipfel, Brayshaw, Pickering and Cline.

Motion for approval of May 5, 1989 minutes by Mr. Scott Johnson; seconded by Mr. Corcoran. Passed unanimously.

Chairman Schramm and Mr. Rowe attended the Ohio Public Infrastructure Financing Assistance Program in Columbus on May 22, 1989 chaired by Mr. Randall Howard. A draft of State Issue #2 and the Ohio Public Works Commission Administrative Rules were distributed.

Mr. Rowe announced that Mayor Jeffrey Corcoran was appointed to the Ohio Public Works Commission Small Governments Committee. He also stated that it would be up to the committee's discretion as to what direction should be taken as far as submitting small government projects. The Integrating Committee will police their own projects - monitor and make sure it does what the committee says it's going to do.

The first two years of funds were for basic replacement projects. It will be local government self determination. The second cycle of the funding will not take place until January of 1990; third cycle in July of 1990. Each district has the opportunity to hold back funds if they wish. The funds will not be sent to the district, but will be held in Columbus. As projects go under construction they will be held to some sort of letter of credit and the committee will have to OK the voucher here and probably send to Columbus for payment. The OPWC is going back to the Attorney General for additional clarification.

Mr. Johnson questioned the Small Government projects. It was stated at meeting in Columbus that there was 12M in Small Governments fund. The Small Governments Committee on our nine member Integrating Committee should make the determination whether the project should vie with all other projects for the 8.5M or be submitted, as others, through the state, for funding from the above 12M. Projects should not be submitted against both small government funding and district funding.

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Mr. Crafts discussed the Reserve concept. The Committee has the right to reserve whatever percentage of the funding they desire. Set aside money for any large project the Committee has in mind may be done. This is labeled as a reserve fund.

Mr. Rhodes discussed the fact that, all so called, unincorporated money was not helping the township budget as set up. All projects approved in the unincorporated area would really be county projects and not township.

Mayor Luken made a motion to approve the Covedale project and allocate the balance of remaining uncommitted funds to the Harrison Avenue project. The City of Cincinnati will then either cut back project scope to match the above amount allocated or make up the amount needed from their own funds. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes and approved.

Mr. Crafts made a motion to submit the Wayne Ave. bridge project against the small governments state allocation replacing that project for district funding with the scaled down Waycross Road project. Mrs. Berger included in the motion that if the Wayne Ave. bridge project is rejected by the Small Government Committee, it will be given high priority on the list for the next funding allocation. Motion seconded by Mr. Rhodes and approved.

A motion was made to adopt all projects previously receiving approval together with the alterations of the two motions adopted this date. Motion was approved and our first allocation selections are now complete.

Mrs. Berger submitted problem areas in our rating system that should be reviewed with the probability of rating item changes to reflect appropriate conditions. Members agreed and referred to Support Staff for review and report.

Next meeting date June 23, 1989.

Motion for adjournment by Mr. Crafts; seconded by Mayor Ragase. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Cornelius
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff

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May 22, 1989

Mr. Donald C. Schramm
Hamilton County Engineer
700 County Administration Building
138 E. Court Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Don:

Enclosed is a letter that I received from the mayor of the City of Montgomery and my response dated May 22, 1989.

It appears from Mayor McCracken's letter that he wishes to place the matter of Issue 2 money for the City of Montgomery on a personal one-on-one discussion based on his assumption that I was opposed to Montgomery's project.

I have rejected this position because I feel strongly that we as a committee cannot make sound, objective and unbiased decisions if, each time we vote, we must be concerned with the disappointment of specific groups or individuals that were not successful in their applications for funding.

Sincerely,

Wilma Berger

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May 12, 1989

Mrs. Wilma Berger
Township Building
9323 Union Cemetery Road
Loveland, OH 45140

Dear Wilma:

We were both surprised and concerned to hear that Montgomery's application for Issue 2 support did not have sufficient support in the preliminary poll to be included in this year's funding.

We were surprised in that we understood that this project was rated by the Professional Staff assembled by the County Engineer as the fourth highest priority project in the entire county. We were further surprised that ours was apparently the only project rejected that had earned the staff's recommendation.

We are concerned that either we or the staff may not have presented the committee with sufficient information on the project or there was not a full understanding of the magnitude of problems people of this region have experienced on Montgomery Road.

As a merchant in our City, you know that Montgomery Road carries over 20,000 vehicles per day--that some sections have deteriorated to the point of requiring substantial repair because of poor stormwater drainage. The existing pavement profile coupled with the lack of adequate stormwater sewers ponds water on the road during even the smallest rains. As you are aware, the Montgomery Elementary School is located adjacent to the area of proposed and badly needed Issue 2 corrections. Combined, the Issue 2 funding and the City of Montgomery's investment will make this area of the road safer for motorists, pedestrians and the children going to and coming from Montgomery Elementary School.

We firmly believe that the combination of factors--current roadway deficiencies and the regional importance of the road--make it a very important rehabilitation project. The project's importance was certainly reflected by the fact that on the nine rating factors assessed, this proposal received a total score from the evaluation team of 84 of a possible 115. It also received four perfect scores. Had the matching funds category been able to recognize the \$4 million of improvements being made solely with City tax dollars outside the

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scope of this project, the two rating we received for matching funds would have been 10, making our overall score a 92.

I know, Wilma, that Montgomery and Symmes Township do not always agree on issues, but I certainly hope that past and current sincere differences of opinion are not affecting this matter. You have expressed some concern about both the Comprehensive Montgomery Road Project and the fact that local tax dollars are being spent on the project. Two Montgomery Councils, as you know, unanimously supported the Montgomery Road project and its funding.

I simply cannot imagine that we disagree on the portion of Montgomery Road being considered for Issue 2 monies and the substantial need for the improvements that funding will support. This road is used daily, not only by the people of Montgomery, but by a large number of Symmes Township residents. I would think its improvement, increasing levels of travel safety for Symmes residents, would be a high level of concern on your part.

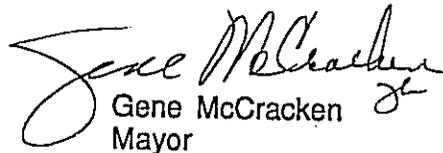
I'm extremely concerned when I hear--I hope incorrectly--rumors that you not only voted against this important project, which will increase levels of traffic safety for your residents and ours but actually lobbied against it.

I would ask you to call me at your convenience so that we may arrange a meeting to address your concerns. Following that meeting, in order to eliminate rumor and avoid public confusion, we would ask that you publicly state your position on this project. Although you may consider this an unusual request, I ask you to remember the importance of the project to traffic and pedestrian safety for both City residents and other users of the roadway and the fact that this project received the fourth highest rating from the professional staff under the established evaluation standards.

We sincerely hope that when you review all the available information, you will be able to support this \$500,000 improvement that will benefit not only our two communities, but all of northeast Hamilton County.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Gene McCracken
Mayor

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Donald C. Schramm
Hamilton County Engineer
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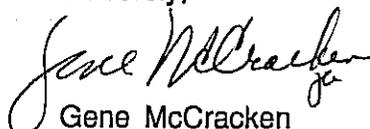
In light of the project's high score, the unanimous recommendation of the support staff, and the fact that this project is undeniably needed, it is difficult for me to understand how our project failed to get the required seven supporting votes in committee. It has been suggested to me that lack of merit was not the reason our project failed to gain approval at the preliminary vote stage. I sincerely hope this was not the case in this particular consideration.

Because this project, and the element of Issue 2 support, is so important to Montgomery and the region, we would request the opportunity to meet with the Integrating Committee prior to your final vote. Recognizing that this is a unique request, but being the only project rejected on the committee's initial vote, we feel we are in a unique situation.

I appreciate your time in considering and reviewing our request.

If there is any further information I can provide, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Gene McCracken
Mayor

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City of Cincinnati



Charles J. Luken
Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

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May 16, 1989

Mr. Donald C. Schramm
Hamilton County Engineer
Hamilton County Administration Building
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Don:

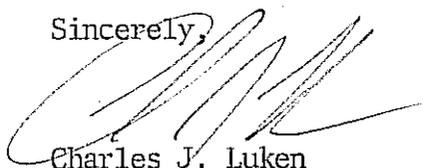
I have been advised that three City projects failed to win approval under the Issue 2 allocation by one vote. I had directed our City Manager that if my presence was necessary to let me know immediately. I also indicated to him that I would cancel my morning appointments to be there to vote if there was any chance a positive vote on my part could make any difference.

Tom Young was my alternate and he, apparently, was not allowed to vote. I understand these rules were previously approved by the Committee.

This is to advise you that I hereby cast an affirmative vote for all three City projects. I understand that there is a meeting on June 2, 1989 and I will attend.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Luken
Mayor of Cincinnati

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May 22, 1989

Hon. Gene McCracken
Mayor, City of Montgomery
10101 Montgomery Rd.
Montgomery, Ohio 45242

Re: Issue 2 Funding
Public Works Integrating Committee
Hamilton County, Ohio

Dear Gene:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 16 and I commend you for your ardent representation of the interest of our City. However, after carefully reading your letter, I am somewhat confused by its contents and can only assume that you do not have proper information. Please consider the following:

1. The Integrating Committee met on May 5, 1989, and voted by closed ballot on all the recommended projects in Hamilton County that fell within the range of monies allocated for this year's funding. This was not a preliminary poll, but a vote of record.
2. Yours was not the only project recommended by the staff that was rejected. Over 40% of the voted projects did not receive Committee approval and of those, 35% were top rated projects.
3. Voting by the Committee was by closed written ballot. Therefore there is no factual knowledge as to how any individual member voted.
4. I did not "lobby" against the project in our community. Several committee members did express concern about the validity of certain projects recommended by the staff.
5. If it were the intention of the State Legislature to have Issue 2 monies allocated by a professional agency, a representative lay committee would not be required and a professional staff with a director would determine the distribution of funds. By statute our committee represents all areas and interests in Hamilton County and, as a committee, we have designated a support staff to advise us.

6. This was our first use of the process that we had established for allocation of the Issue 2 funds. Discussion at our May 5 meeting resulted in a consensus of the entire committee that the present rating and allocation system does not correctly reflect the relative degree of importance of each project. The Integrating Committee is now in the process of determining readjustments in the rating system.

As a business resident and owner of properties in the commercial areas of Montgomery, including Montgomery Road, I have perhaps even more interest in the present and future welfare of this area than does the Council of Montgomery. However it is my duty and obligation as a committee member, elected by the twelve townships in Hamilton County, to look objectively at all applications for all Issue 2 money. I am sure that everyone would agree that all committee members must be free to express their opinions and cast their votes without undue pressures or influence from outside special interest or lobby groups.

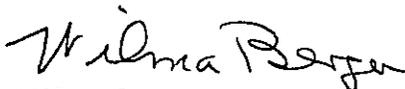
It would be an abuse of my authority and responsibility as a committee member to personally confer or address specific matters on Issue 2 money with individuals or groups. All petitioners for Issue 2 funding should have access and input to the full committee. As a committee member I would be happy to assist in arranging for you to place additional information before the full committee for future projects.

I share your concerns about the Montgomery Road corridor and appreciate your efforts to obtain maximum funding for our City. As a multi-term Council member and as mayor of the City of Montgomery, you have made numerous decisions that have not had one hundred percent support of your constituents. I respect your belief in your decisions and I know you respect mine.

Although you and I, as public officials, have occasionally taken opposing positions on some governmental matters that affect the northeast area of Hamilton County, I do not believe that you meant to infer, as your letter suggests, that such differences of opinion would affect the objectivity of my position relative to projects in this area.

I trust that we will both continue to work for the mutual benefit of our areas.

Sincerely yours,



Wilma Berger

cc: Integrating Committee Members
Montgomery City Council Members
Presidents, Boards of Trustees, Hamilton County

SUMMARY OF ISSUE 2 FUNDS - 1989

DISTRICT #2

PROJECT	COST	INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS APPLIED FOR	USEFUL LIFE	WEIGHTED COST (in thousands)
<u>City of Cincinnati:</u>				
1. Reading Road	242,000.	198,000.	15	3,630.
2. River Road	1,928,000.	1,638,000.	15	28,920.
3. Beechmont Avenue	182,000.	144,000.	15	2,730.
4. Delhi Road	998,000.	720,000.	15	14,790.
5. Harrison Avenue	1,181,000.	785,250.	15	17,715.
6. Tennessee Avenue	293,000.	243,000.	15	4,395.
SUBTOTAL	4,824,000.	3,728,250.	City of Cincinnati	
<u>Village of Evendale:</u>				
7. Reading Road Impr.	2,157,396.	420,000.	20	43,148.
<u>Village of Indian Hill:</u>				
8. Loveland Madeira Bridge	235,000.	100,000.	30	7,050.
<u>City of Sharonville:</u>				
9. Kemper Road Bridge	720,100.	315,000.	50	36,005.
<u>City of Reading:</u>				
10. Galbraith-Reading Inter's.	58,300.	47,970.	40	2,332.
11. Columbia Avenue	26,900.	20,800.	20	538.
<u>Village of Glendale:</u>				
12. Chester Road Impr.	264,500.	217,350.	10	2,645.
<u>City of Forest Park:</u>				
13. Waycross Road	744,303.	228,249.	20	14,886.
<u>City of Cheviot:</u>				
14. Westwood-Northern Ave.	285,000.	233,100.	16	4,560.

PROJECT	COST	INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS APPLIED FOR	USEFUL LIFE	WEIGHTED COST (in thousands)
<u>Amberley Village:</u>				
15. Section Road Impr.	74,500.	63,000.	10	745.
<u>City of Madeira:</u>				
16. Bridge B-0101 Repair	28,000.	22,500.	25	700.
SUBTOTAL	4,593,999.	1,667,969.	Other Municipalities	
<u>Delhi Township:</u>				
17. Covedale Road Imp.	266,100.	227,790.	20	5,322.
<u>Hamilton County:</u>				
18. Old Colerain Bridge Repl.	1,639,221.	1,165,696.	50	81,961.
19. Westwood Northern Road	1,235,351.	936,648.	16	19,766.
20. Foley Road Impr.	653,747.	562,272.	20	13,075.
SUBTOTAL	3,528,319.	2,664,616.	Hamilton County	
SUBTOTAL	3,794,419.	2,892,406.	Unincorporated Area	
GRAND TOTAL	13,212,418.	8,288,625.		305,093.

Issue #2 Funds applied for = 62.73% of total cost.
 District #2 - 1989 Issue #2 Allocation 8,634,900.
 Balance of uncommitted Issue #2 Funds 346,275.

Useful life $\frac{305,093.}{13,212,418}$ = 23.09 Years (Use 24)

June 2, 1989

13TH DISTRICT #2 INTEGRATING COMMITTEE MEETING

603 County Administration Building

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

June 2, 1989 - 8:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

- 1) Approval of previous meeting's minutes.
- 2) Report by chairman
 - a. George Rowe & Don Schramm's comments from meeting of May 22 in Columbus, Ohio.
 - b. Pass out data from meeting of 22nd from P.W. Director, Ron Howard
 - c. Discussion of small governments policy
- 3) Support staff report on Project voting that occurred at May 5th meeting.
- 4) Questions & answers relating to voting.
- 5) Request letter from City of Montgomery.
- 6) Letter from Mayor Luken - City of Cincinnati.
- 7) Motion for adoption of approval on projects.
- 8) Activity on projects yet to be approved.
- 9) Summary of activities.
- 10) Next meeting - June 23, 1989

ADJOURNMENT

13th District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting
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June 2, 1989 - 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
SCOTT JOHANSON	CINCINNATI	352-3241
CHARLIE LUKEN	CINCINNATI	352-1919
GEORGE ROWE	CINCINNATI	352-3291
DUSTY RHODES	DELHI TWP	369-4180
JEFF CORCORAN	MADEIRA	632-8585
Joe Ragasc	Forest Park	595-5208
Wilma Berg	Symmes Twp.	489-8988
DANIE CRAFTS	P&G	983-2109
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